

## **REMARKS**

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 34 has been allowed. Claims 6, 9, 14, 17, 23-27, 29, 31 and 32 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's efforts in determining that Claims 6, 9, 14, 17, 23-27, 29, 31, 32 and 34 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has herein rewritten 6, 9, 14, 17, 23-27, 29, 31 and 32 in independent form including the elements of all claims from which they depended.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-22, 28, 30 and 33 have been canceled herein without prejudice and with the right to reintroduce these claims in subsequent prosecution.

## **CONCLUSION**

Wherefore, Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by Examiner and respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

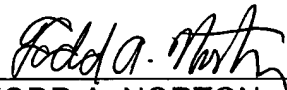
Alternatively, should Examiner persist in any of the foregoing rejections, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner: specifically identify and point out with particularity those exacting elements taught by the prior art references upon which Examiner relies for teaching each claimed element of each rejected claim; and, identify

those particular portions of the prior art references upon which Examiner relies for support, so Applicant may be afforded an appropriate opportunity to deliberate and respond to any such rejection.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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